South East Region

The South East Region's Annual Seminar is to be held on Wednesday November 28 at Mill Hill Golf Club. The theme of this year's event is centred around "Information Technology" with items ranging from an introduction to Microsoft Office, Golf Course Maintenance Systems, to buying on-line.

All members in the South East will be notified shortly by post and when they do they are advised to book their places early as numbers will be limited to 100.

Derek Farrington

South West

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of news from the Section. This was due to my being on holiday, the lack of news from the Section. For more information contact Paula Humphries on 01288 352194.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Jeff Mills, Course Manager at Ennerdale and Beckeridge GC, on reaching the next stage of the Toro Excellence in Greenkeeping Award.

Richard Whynman

Surrey

Our annual visit to Sunningdale took place on August 28 for once again it was time to compete for the much sought after McMillan Tankard. The players, although not of international fame, were keen, well scrubbed and anxious to perform well. Pole position with a 2pm start was held jointly by John Mathis, Darren Lee and Dave Murdoch (SC) while at the back of the grand Jamie Bennet, Dave Warner and, last but not least, dangerous Dave Delderfield had the slower 2.54 slot.

Because of the players available only one circuit of this beautiful track was to be completed and so with only a few possible overtaking places it was a very brave drive that secured 1st place to Dave Goddard who came out of the pack to win with 39 points. Paul Bacon 38 points was second, Daniel Turner a close 3rd with 37 points and 4th with 35 points James Partridge. Dave Murdoch (SC) had the longest drive - well over 150 yards - and Mark Harvey was nearest the pin - well under 150 inches. Many thanks, as always, to Brian Turner and his greenkeepers for an excellent Sunningdale and to the artificial grass for making us so welcome and well fed. Grass Roots sponsored the day and prizes were presented by Jim Russell (SC).

I have been informed by the new Course Manager at Northwood Golf Club, Anthony Kyle, that his brother Gavin, so well known to us all, was married on August 25 to Marnie and honeymooned in the USA.

Congratulations from all members of the Surrey Section.

Why not come and play golf or put your views on how the Section is being run?

Two fixtures have been confirmed for next year. The Winter Tournament to be held at North Wilts GC and the Spring Tournament at Burnham and Berrow GC.

I hope everyone is in good health and any news, views or info contact me on 01285 720168 (Note number change).

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Our summer meeting was held here at Sandy Lodge Golf Club on Monday, July 23, under lovely blue skies. The winner on the day was Northwood's Ben (the bag) Knowles Jackson. Winning the old Section was Richard Andrews from Highgate GC. Intermediates' winner was our very own Richard Enderlick with Tony Dyke and Graham Dowson, from Wyke Green, taking the high handicap and guest prizes respectively. We had an excellent turnout of 40 for this event so thanks to all for your support. A big thank you also to Andrew’s Landscape Supply Products and Barry McCloskey in particular for sponsoring the event.

Under leaden skies and high humidity we held our autumn meeting at Gerrards Cross GC and had a very enjoyable day at what was a new venue for us. Taking this into consideration it was disappointing to only get 30 players on the day. Although not a great time of year I know with the holidays etc. we did expect a few more. So come on all you London Section guys come along to cools. I hope it is safe to say what a good day you are missing out on!

Winner on the day was myself I'm afraid and I will be popping along to Hendon with Wyke Green, taking tea with Gavin and tell him about it. Second prize was James Lomas, from Mill Hill, with the Guest prize going to 'my old man' Peter Phillips. Our sincere thanks also go to Lee Robinson, for presenting the course to such a high standard and for his assistance in setting the day up. Thanks also to Gerrards Cross GC for allowing us all to have our day away so well and for giving us courtesy of the Course and, of course, Browns of Chesham and Peter Hopkinson in particular who kindly sponsored the event.

Food for thought I thought a keen interest was shown around the bar at Gerrards Cross for re-introducing a Greenkeeper’s Summer Competition like the Southern Counties, or whatever, that we used to have. I did say at the time that I would be happy to run this next summer in whatever format was thought appropriate (i.e. Fourball, Foursomes, Knollout or League etc) Have a think about it and maybe we can get them printed, if they are perhaps, and we got that as well.

Piece of news just in is that the Government has just found the source of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Last month Tim Maynard, son of the famous Vic, had to see his Doctor who found Tim to have a very nasty rash on his inner groin. Tim had to take time off work for this and is now having counselling and other furry stories true stories like this one let me know and I will try to get them printed, if they are not too rude?

Results of the Boughton golf day will be published next month along with a few observations of the day’s golf.

To contact me please call 01732 870200 or e-mail jbatldigolf@aol.com with all your news etc.

Those that did play well enough to pick up prizes were:

Overall Winner. Nick Pomfret, Bentley GC, 42 points (I agree with you Nick, just because you were five years younger is not a reason that does not mean you are a bandit. Yeah, Right! Nick’s prize was kindly donated by Rhyg Taylor.

Category 1
1. Ray Clark, Channels GC, 37pts;
2. Nick Davies, Five Lakes GC, 36 pts;
3. Dominic Rodgerz, Orsett GC, 35pts.

Category 2
1. John Barnard, Theydon Bois GC, 32pts;
2. M. Crean, 31 pts;

Guest Prize went to young Thomas Fance with 42 points, well done Thomas with Chris Gunten only managing a meager 40 to come second.

Nearest The pin and Longest Drive Prizes were supplied by Advocata Seeds, Driving Force Leisure and Greenkeeping Supply Company, the recipients were Dominic Rodgerz, John Kruznupian and Ray Clark, for Nett and Gross respectively. The Fin and Chris Ward, Dominic Rodgerz and Scott Collage for Longest Drives.

A special prize should have gone to Roland Hughes who had to endure a sting from which must have been the largest bee in the world. I base this suggestion on the theory that no normal bee sting could have brought so many cries of pain. Hope you’re better now Roland.

The Five Lakes Course was in great condition and a credit to Course Manager, Nick Davies and his staff. Well done lads. We should also take this opportunity to thank the catering staff who looked after us for the day and also to Five Lakes Golf Club itself for allowing us to visit their fine establishment at short notice.

New members to the ranks are Brendan Morgan, of Trent Park GC; Paul Brown, of Ballards Gore GC; and Rodney Derek, from Crews Hill GC. You are welcomed into the Section with open arms and a suspicious look from the Handicap Secretary. You see at our Winter Trophy event which would have just been held. Steve Credsdale

Correcting the Constructors of some of the winners on the main categories. Many thanks to Terry and the Greenkeeping team at Clandeboy for presenting the course to such a high standard. The visitors that played for the course for the first time were adamant that they are looking forward to attending again next year. Many thanks to Clandeboy Golf Club for allowing all proceeds from the day to go to charity, the sum of £15000 which will go to children’s hospital at the Royal Victoria in Belfast.

The team prize was won by a Clandeboy member’s trio of M. McColl, P. Reilly and P. Reilly with a combined points score of 107 points. Individual prize winners were:


The Section’s qualifying competition for the National Championship took place at Royal Portrush on August 28. The competition was played on the Valley Course, in ideal conditions. A strokeplay competition to find our true candidates and also combining a Stableford competition. Many thanks to Caborns of Isbridge, for sponsoring the competition. William Cartmill from Coastline Golf was in attendance to present the prizes.

We also welcomed Scott MacCallum, our magazine editor, who joined us on the day. Scott had come over to Northern Ireland to visit some of our links courses on the north coast. The articles will be featured in the magazine over the coming months. Scott thanks for making your visit. We thoroughly enjoyed your company.

The result of the Stableford Competition was: 1. Andrew Wray, from London Section; 2. Noel Crawford, Royal County Down, 36 pts; 3. Eamon Crawford, Royal County Down, 35 pts.

Andrew had a 69 nett and Noel went par 70 playing off scratch. Andrew and Noel will go forward to the National Championship on October 1 at Royal Birkdale. Noel had the best gross scores in last year’s National Championship and we hope he can retain his trophy this year. Good luck lads. I would like to thank Royal Portrush Golf Club for giving us courtesy of the course and special praise to Head Greenkeeper, Joe Finlay and his staff, for the excellent course presentation. Finally I would like to thank Cyril Johnston and Co for presenting the day to Chairman Matthew McCabe at Royal Portrush. Well that’s all for this month, I will see everyone again sometime on 28 September at Holywood GC.

Ken Henderson
BIGGA enjoyed a successful Saltex Show with the on-site team taking every opportunity to promote the Association’s services on the BIGGA Stand to new and existing members as well as pushing BTME, the Golf Club Show and Greenkeeper International to prospective exhibitors and advertisers.

Stewart receives ‘Spray Watch’ Award

Following an excellent response to the annual Blazon ‘Spray Watch’ promotion, Stewart McCollm, Course Manager at the Kings Barns Golf Links, Fife, Scotland won the first prize of a brand new, high specification Gambetti Barre 300 litre tractor mounted sprayer.

Stewart travelled down from Scotland to the Show and the prize was presented to him by BIGGA Chairman, Clive Osgood and Neil Thomas, the Association’s Executive Director. Attending the ceremony also was Richard Aitken, whose company supplied the product.

Two runners-up prizes were also awarded at the same presentation; Paul Hobden, Course Manager at Chart Hills Golf Club was presented with the second prize of an F25 battery powered sprayer and Chris Hunt (unable to attend) of Woburn Golf & Country will have delivered a Cooper Pegler 2000 knapsack sprayer.

Blazon has been at the forefront in the campaign for safer, more accurate spray applications and the ‘Spray Watch’ promotion has become an important part of the seasonal calendar.

Romance is in the air for Barenbrug

Barenbrug announced the launch of Romance, a perennial ryegrass with excellent wear tolerance and a reliable performance in both wet and dry conditions. Available from spring next year Romance is rated highly as a new cultivar in the STRI’s Turfgrass Seed 2002 showing excellent disease resistance and superb shoot density and a tight knit sward. Its fine leaves and dark green colour make it a good choice for turf producers and general landscaping applications.

For further information
Tel: 01359 272000

Bernhards launch new chainsaw sharpener

Bernhard & Co introduced the Chain Master, a fully automated chainsaw sharpener designed to sharpen chains in a single operation which takes around four minutes without operator attention.

All sizes and lengths of chain can be handled with a triple-sided scanner head recognising right or left teeth. If one is broken the Chain Master will stop automatically.

A abrasive wheels ensure high quality sharpening while there is a diamond smoothing device for the tooth face of the abrasive wheel and a diamond dressing attachment which can be switched on separately to remove unwanted debris.

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Peter scores with IOG’s top Football Award

Slow release from Scotts

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New weather stations unveiled by MJ Abbott

Kubota launch their most powerful tractor, ever
Charterhouse alliance with Rink

Redexim Charterhouse and Rink, the German manufacturer of the Rink Top Dressers, used the Show to announce an agreement to a joint world-wide product engineering and marketing alliance.

Under the agreement the engineers of the two companies will work together on the development of top dressing equipment to be marketed throughout the world exclusively by Redexim Charterhouse through its network of over 130 dealers in more than 60 countries.

Charterhouse Turf Machinery is adding five specialist top-dressing machines as a direct result of the alliance.

The tractor trailed Rink 1010 has a one cubic metre, spreads to a width of 1.3m and is powered by the tractor’s hydraulics. The 1005 model also has a 1.5 metre spreading width but fits either to the three-point linkage of a tractor, or to the Cushman, Toro Workman or Jacobsen SV utility vehicles. The 1003 has a hopper capacity of 0.65 cubic metre. For those using a John Deere Gator, the 0.85 cubic metre capacity Rink 1210 is available which has a 1.8 metre spreading width.

The larger Rink 1520 and 3045 have pto-powered hydraulic systems. "We expect a strong, positive response to the Rink range owing to their durability and versatility," said David Jenkins, Managing Director of Charterhouse Turf Machinery.

For further information Tel: 01426 661222

Textron display new developments

Textron re-launched two of its fairway mowers range, giving both the 38hp Fairway 385 and the 40hp Fairway 405 a new look with a more aesthetically pleasing, rounded profile to reflect the styling of the other models from the Jacobsen brand.

Joystick control has also been introduced on the Fairway 405 for simple, easy lifting and lowering of the seven cutting units. The clean appearance and modern, ergonomic design of the joystick improves productivity with its ease of operation. Control of the seven 36" cutting decks becomes a simple operation and contributes to a productivity of up to 3.7 ha/hr at an operational speed of 12 km/hr.

Textron also introduced a new turbo-charged version of the Jacobsen AR250 rotary mower, which provides more power and results in improved performance on sloping ground and when cutting grass underneath obstructions. This articulated rotary mower has five independently mounted cutting decks that closely follow ground contours which helps alleviate the problem of scalping on high spots and provides a higher chamber of cut.

Saltees also saw the launch of the Workhorse ST480, the most powerful turf utility vehicle in the E-Z-GO Workhorse range. With its 16hp Vanguard V-twin air-cooled petrol engine and payload of 363.2kg (800lbs), including operator, it has the power and performance required for a host of applications.

Robustly constructed the front axle is articulated to ensure that the front wheels stay in contact with the ground, especially in steep approach and exit conditions.

In the generously spaced operator area, driver and passenger comfort is enhanced with twin bucket seat positions either side of a centre console, providing a clear and uncluttered walk-through platform.

A new range of mid-mount rotary decks for Iseki and Ransomes compact tractors was also launched.

The 60" rear discharge decks have been designed for use with Iseki TF325 and TF530 models as well as the Ransomes CT325 and CT335 derivatives and will fit all of these, with or without cabs.

The deck hull and drive system are derived from the proven design used on the Ransomes Frontline 951, 1.52m rotary deck, which provides compartmental of parts ensuring that replacement items are readily available.

One of the features unique to this new deck is the heavy-duty spring weight transfer system, which makes following ground contours easier and reduces possible damage to the deck. This feature, together with anti-scalp rollers, produces an excellent finish.

For further information Tel: 01473 270000

York & Martin's Philip to retire

The retirement of Philip York, principal partner of York and Martin was announced during the Show, Philip became an Associate of the business, Michael Martin, Philip’s partner for the last 10 years will continue this independent business as senior partner and has announced that Stuart Tate is joining the partnership.

As an associate, Philip’s main role will be to see through to completion those projects with which he has been involved from their early stages and to continue to provide advice and assistance to the Partnership.

Stuart has been closely associated with York & Martin for a number of years and has expertise in applying up-to-date software to irrigation design, survey and management applications. The name of the business is being retained.

For further information Tel: 01425 652807

Pattisson puncture relief

Pattisson introduced Seal-a-Wheel, a puncture preventative tyre sealant that works on all pneumatic tyres and which will seal penetrations up to 8mm. When installed into the tyre, the glycol-based gel will provide on-going protection against all loss and will extend the tyre’s life by regulating pressure while not damaging the tyre itself or the rim of the wheel.

When a foreign object penetrates a tyre air rushes to escape and interlocking fibres along with grouting agents contained in Seal-a-Wheel are pushed to the hole so sealing it. It will work on all ride-on mowers, golf carts, utility vehicles, wheelbarrows, as well as all motor vehicles, ATV’s, HGV’s, motor cycles and scooters, caravans and trailers and bicycle inner tubes. It comes in one litre bottles and 25 litre drums.

For further information Tel: 01342 301849

New National Code of Practice announced

A new National Code of Practice for operator training and assessment was launched by Andy Stewart, Chairman of Lantra Trust.

The Code of Practice has been developed by British Agricultural & Garden Machinery Association (BAGMA) in conjunction with and endorsed by BIGGA, IOG, the GTC as well as machinery suppliers including John Deere and Textron.

"The National Code of Practice has been a project led by the industry for the industry" said Ian Jones, Director General of BAGMA.

"There has been concern over the last few years that the grounds maintenance industry has not had any formalised guidelines or training courses to help employers or operators meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work Act," he added.

The code has been developed with the Health and Safety Executive who had demanded a reduction in accidents in all areas of the industry. The code, and new training courses, is the industry's way of meeting the targets to reduce fatal and major injury accidents.

For further information Tel: 0121 446 6688

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New mower from John Deere

John Deere's new 1565 front mower is the latest addition to the company's commercial rotary mower range which includes the 1435 and 1445 models.

The 1565 features a 36hp Yanmar diesel engine that boosts maximum torque for tough mowing conditions.

The mower features a durable hydrostatic transmission with forward speeds up to 15.5 mph for extra productivity when mowing or transporting and a 66 litre fuel tank provides the capacity for all day operation.

The operator can switch between on-demand four wheel drive, full time four wheel drive or full time two wheel drive. In the on-demand position, four wheel drive automatically engages when needed for extra traction on hill-sides or in slippery conditions and disengages at other times.

Other components include a high strength steel frame, providing extra durability and allowing major components to be located lower in the machine, resulting in a low centre of gravity that provides greater stability on slopes. It also incorporates a composite hood that will not dent, rust or fade and a cast iron rear bumper.

For further information
Tel: 01949 860491

Revolutionary scarifier/aerator launched by Turfmasters

Turfmasters has launched the Graden, a revolutionary scarifier/aerator, manufactured in Australia, into the United Kingdom market.

The Graden cuts down to depths of 45mm thereby increasing the volume of thatch or fibre removal. The surface area exposed for aeration purposes is 250% greater than that achieved by standard hollow coring while creating less surface disruption.

It also improves surface drainage and is ideal for overseeding purposes. Developed by Australian Graham Dryden five years ago the machine has already caught the attention of some of the country's finest golf courses as well as the Test and County Cricket Board.

For further information
Tel: 01577 863864

Pedestrian greens mower from Farm & Garden Machinery

Farm and Garden Machinery launched the lightweight Shibaura pedestrian greens mower with 22 inch cutting width at the Show.

With a fixed head design a cutting height of 3.2 mm to 25 mm is achievable - a cutting height of 2.8 mm can be achieved if the optional tournament blade is fitted - while an angled bottom blade is offset to reduce turf stress. The machine has a five inch 11 blade cutting system and the front roller is grooved so that it doesn't compact the grass.

The frame is manufactured from pressed steel and a polyethylene grass collector is fitted. It is powered by a 4hp Robin single cylinder OHV, air cooled engine and the petrol fuel tank has a 3.6 litre capacity.

For further information
Tel: 01244 671166

Microbe-friendly fertilisers from Vitax

Vitax introduced two new microbe friendly fertilisers. The Microbial range is a combination of organics and minerals in powder form but with added humates to feed microbes present in the soil increasing their population and stimulating microbial activity.

"Microbes assist in breaking down the nutrients in the soil making them more readily available to plants," said Clive Williams, Vitax Commercial Manager. Vitax Microbial is available in two formulations, both suitable for fine turf, Microbial N and 8-0-0 analysis and Microbial K with an analysis of 8-0-6.

For further information
Tel: 01446 673783

New STRI service

The STRI Irrigation Consultancy Service was launched at the Show. Boasting a strong team of Robin Hume, Adrian Mortram, Steve Dunlop and Penelope Hume the service provides independent advice in Irrigation System Audit; Environmental Impact Assessment; Site Survey using Global Positioning Satellite System; Tender and Contract Documentation and Administration; Training in System Operation and Use; Project Feasibility Studies and Budgeting; Water Resourcing and Management; System Design, Specification and Plans; Project Management and Supervision and Education of Client Staff. The new service adds to the Institute's current range which includes expertise in environment, golf architecture, construction as well as the well established hydroponics service.

For further information
Tel: 01274 561005

Terrain Aeration Services' Bam Bam

Terrain Aeration Services demonstrated two new machines at the Show a year after the company was launched. Having acquired the manufacturing rights for their Terralift aeration equipment, David and Lynda Green developed specifically to treat large turf areas. Affectionately nicknamed Bam Bam the new machine retains the ability to inject air under pressure thus opening underground fissures, but has the added advantage of a hydraulic hammer making it more efficient and easier to handle.

The Attiler the Hun is ideal for hammer making it more efficient and restoring small areas on golf courses as well as the least and County Cricket Board.

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